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After Riots at U.S. Capitol, One Photographer Describes What He Saw

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Virginia-based freelance photographer Lloyd Wolf was on the plaza outside the main entrance of the United States Capitol on Wednesday afternoon January 6 taking pictures when Trump supporters descended on the building. Wolf has documented many previous demonstrations, starting in 1973 in Washington, DC with Nixon's second "counter-inaugural."

The experience on Wednesday, he says, was particularly disorienting and left him shaken and sad. He characterized the scene as treasonous madness—a protest and crazy circus that evolved into a "mob-ment." He wasn't personally harassed, aside from some mild verbal abuse, but other journalists, he learned, were attacked. He noted the numerous

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“There was a lot of Jesus imagery and QAnon symbols,” he says, “but primarily it was Trump stuff. People were shouting, ‘We’re for Trump. We’re for Trump. We’re the Party of Trump!’ Once the mob gained the steps of the Capitol, they got very ecstatic. They got high on it. They were both angry and euphoric, feeling their own power.”

Wolf was reminded of stories of his father’s youth in Frankfurt, Germany, in the 1930s, and the Nazi rallies his father witnessed. “It was a similar kind of frenzy,” he says.

What follows is a sampling of the photographs he took to document the day.

—*Diane M. Bolz*

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Two men waving flags on Capitol steps as others approach top of steps.

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Crowd getting to top of Capitol steps. Policeman with shield at top of steps.

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Man with fists raised. Confederate flag visible.

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Man smoking pipe. Hand signal identifies him as a white nationalist. “Don’t Tread on Me” flag, which has been used by the Tea Party and militia movements, is partially visible.

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Woman wearing a hat with declaration "I've been Q'd," referring to the far-right conspiracy theory QAnon.



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Man with a cross around neck, holding flag and image of Jesus. Hat says U.S. Marine Corps.



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Woman carrying Israeli and Mexican flags.

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Two Asian Messianic women blowing shofars against the background of the U.S. Capitol.

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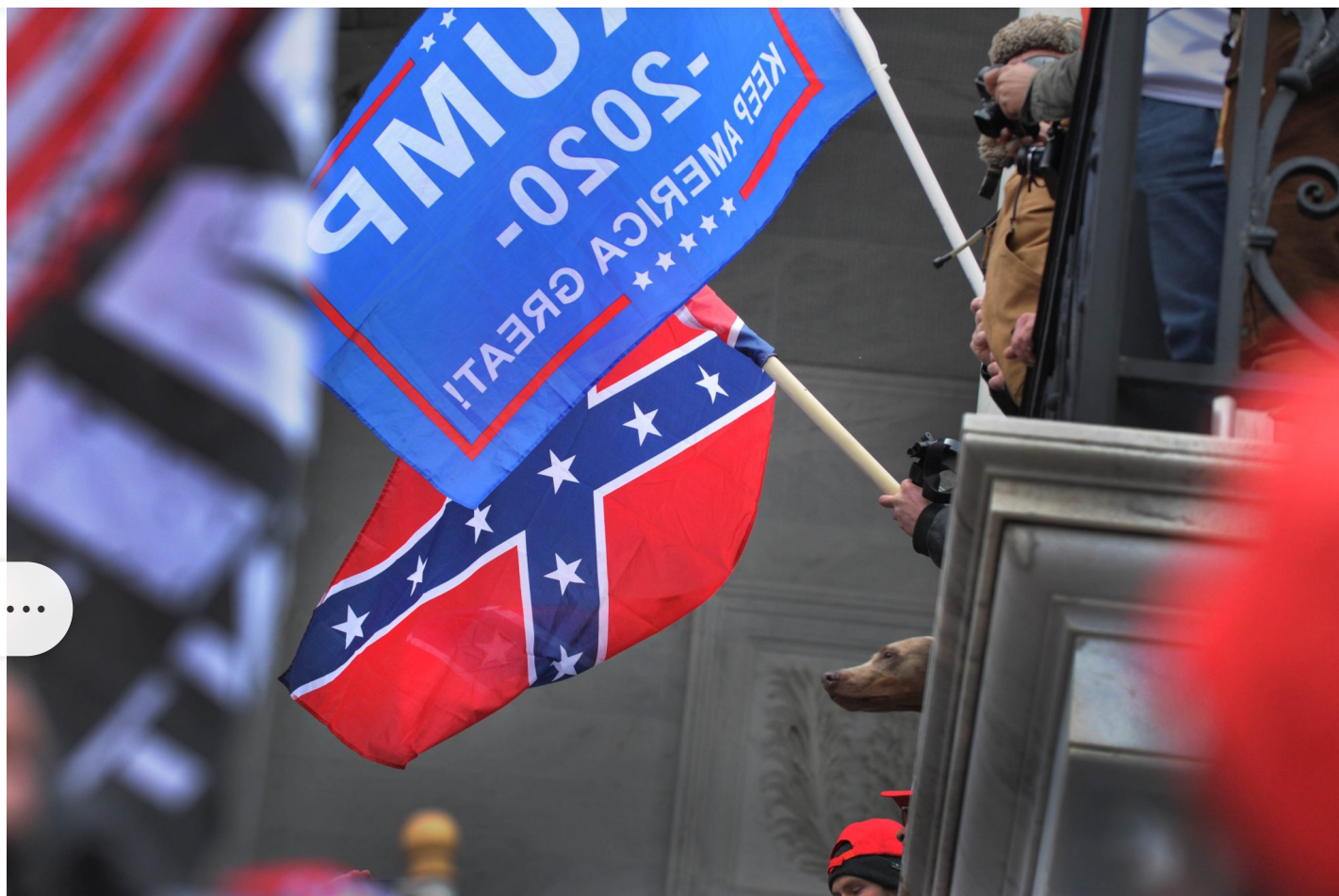
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Man carrying flag bearing the slogan “Jesus is My Savior...Trump is My President” on the plaza outside the main entrance to the U.S. Capitol.

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Confederate flag and Trump banner unfurled over the Capitol steps.

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"Pelosi Is Satan" banner on Capitol steps.

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Eric K. Ward, an internationally known expert on the intersection of white nationalism with anti-Semitism, is in conversation with Moment editor-in-chief Nadine Epstein about how anti-Semitism is at the core of white nationalism—and how combatting anti-Semitism is the most efficient way of fighting white nationalism. They discuss the anti-Semitism evident in the recent attack on the U.S. Capitol, the relationship between authoritarianism and white nationalism, racism, Black Lives Matter and more.

This event is a tribute to the memory of the

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Even the MAGA Israelis, accusing Nancy Pelosi and deriding Ch faced a Mike Pence and a M decisively dashing all hope

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